Modernisation of International Airports

17. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since reconsidered the question of modernisation of International Airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore etc., through private participation and the terms for such participation;

(b) if so, what decisions have been taken in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken for implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVILAVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Delhi & Mumbai Airport: Based on the decision of the Government taken in September 2003, the International airports in Delhi and Mumbai are being restructured and modernized through the Joint Venture Route with Public Private Participation (PPP). In the Joint Venture Company (JVC), Airports Authority of India (AAI) and other Government PSUs will be holding 26% equity and balance 74% will be held by private sector partners. Government in June 2004 *inter-alia* decided that the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the Joint Venture Companies would be capped at 49%. Accordingly, Expressions of Interest (EOI) were amended. Nine bidders have been short-listed on the basis of amended EOI. Action for issue of Request for Proposal (RFP) document is at hand.

There was no reconsideration on the terms of private participation as regards to Bangalore International Airport Limited.

Introduction of A-320 service in the Raipur sector

†18. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of passengers per flight during the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 on air routes of Raipur-Delhi-Raipur and Raipur-Mumbai-Raipur sectors;

(b) the number of passengers per year during the years from 2000-2001 to 2003-2004 in these sectors;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.